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### **IPB and KSU Collaborate in Agricultural Research and Education**

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**Report Highlights:**

The Bogor Agricultural University (IPB) and Kansas State University (KSU) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to collaborate in agricultural research and educational activities. This is a direct result of their initial engagement under the Norman E. Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Program.

**General Information:**

A plant genetics researcher at Indonesia's leading agricultural university – the Institut Pertanian Bogor (IPB) - recently continued her research in plant genetics at Kansas State University under USDA's Norman E. Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Program. The IPB researcher, Dr. Desta Wirnas, focused her research on grain sorghum genetics under the guidance of Dr. Tesfaye Tesso at Kansas State from October - December 2009. Following the research program on the campus of Kansas State, Dr Tesso travelled to Indonesia March 2011 to visit Dr. Wirnas at the IPB campus.

As a direct result of the contact initiated under the Borlaug Fellowship Program, IPB and Kansas State University recently signed an MOU that identified areas for future collaboration and cross institutional activities to include:

- Faculty exchanges
- Crop germplasm exchange programs
- Research collaboration and joint publications
- Student exchanges

The MOU was formally signed in March 2011 by Dr. Herry Suhardiyanto, Rector of IPB, and Dr. Kirk H. Schulz, President of Kansas State University.